AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last full paragraph on page 3 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Examples of commercially available coagulation time reagents are a reagent based on diluted Russel's viper venom, called ~~Gradipore~~ GRADIPORE LA (Gradipore Ltd., Australia), and a reagent based on ~~Staclot~~ STACLOT LA using hexagonal phosphatidyl ethanolamine (Roche Diagnostics K.K.).

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Preferable example of the activator includes kaolin, ~~sellaite~~ celite, silica, and ellagic acid. One or a combination of these activators may be used. The viper venom is preferably at least one selected from the group consisting of Russel's viper venom, textarin venom, and ecarin venom. The tissue factor may be one derived from rabbit brain, derived from human placenta, or a recombinant.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 25 and 26 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The measurement was conducted twice with respect to each sample by the automatic blood coagulation analyzer

"~~Coagrex~~COAGREX-800" (available from Shimadzu Corp.). The measurement results are shown in Table 2 and FIG. 1. An affecting ratio of the respective coagulation times (corresponding to the first coagulation times) of the samples each treated with the reagents showing the different HBR concentrations, relative to the respective coagulation times (corresponding to the second coagulation times) of the samples each treated with the reagent containing 0μg in HBR concentration (i.e. the second coagulation time reagent), was calculated. The results of calculation are shown in Table 3.